

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 6, 8-14, and 16-22 remain in this application. Claims 1-5, 7, 15, and 23-33 have been canceled.

The Examiner indicated that claims 8, 9, 12-14, 18-22, 29, 30, 32, and 33 were objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 8, 12, 18-20 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and are therefore allowable. Claim 6 depends from claim 18 and is therefore also allowable. Claims 9-11 depend from claim 8 and are therefore also allowable. Claims 13-14 depend from claim 12 and are therefore also allowable. Claim 22 depends from claim 21 and is therefore also allowable.

The Examiner indicated that claims 16 and 17 were allowed.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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